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**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME AND
AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION**

Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action mailed August 23, 2007, regarding the above-referenced application, Applicant respectfully requests entry of the amendment set forth below in consideration of the remarks that follow.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 6 of this paper.